

Introduced by Committee on Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments (Senators Bowen (Chair), Battin, Dunn, Murray, Poochigian, and Romero)

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 83124 of the Government Code, relating to elections.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 784, as introduced, Committee on Elections, Reapportionment and Constitutional Amendments. Campaign contributions and expenditures.

Existing law requires that the Fair Political Practices Commission adjust specified contribution and voluntary expenditure limitations, as specified, to reflect any increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index.

This bill would require that the commission also adjust specified reporting thresholds, as specified, to reflect any increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index.

The Political Reform Act of 1974, an initiative measure, provides that the Legislature may amend the act to further the act's purposes with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of each house and compliance with specified procedural requirements.

This bill, which would declare that it furthers the purposes of the act, would therefore require a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 83124 of the Government Code is amended to read:

83124. (a) The commission shall adjust the contribution limitations and voluntary expenditure limitations provisions in Sections 85301, 85302, 85303, and 85400 in January of every odd-numbered year to reflect any increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index. Those adjustments shall be rounded to the nearest one hundred dollars (\$100) for limitations on contributions and one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for limitations on expenditures.

(b) *The commission shall adjust the reporting thresholds in Section 82015 in January of every odd-numbered year to reflect any increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index. Those adjustments shall be rounded to the nearest one hundred dollars (\$100).*

SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that the provisions of this act further the purposes of the Political Reform Act of 1974 within the meaning of subdivision (a) of Section 81012 of the Government Code.